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Mobile County To Celebrate National County Government Month in April ***Leaders to Promote "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families"***

Mobile County Commissioner Mike Dean will be dusting off his sneakers to lead a class of third graders for a run – or maybe just a walk – around the track. Dean will be conducting a P.E. class at Dawes Intermediate, located at 10451 West Lake Road, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 12. It will kick-off Mobile County's celebration of National County Government Month. This year's theme is "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families."

"We're always working to improve the quality of life here in Mobile County," said Dean, "and National County Government Month is the perfect opportunity for our resident to get to know what county government really does for them."

Later this month Commissioners Connie Hudson and Merceria Ludgood will also lead children in other fun and active events. Ludgood will join in a calisthenics with second-graders at A.W. Holloway Elementary and Hudson will lead in a Side-Walk-A-Thon with children in the Spring Hill area.

"National County Government Month is a great opportunity for the public to take a closer look at the county services and foster a greater understanding of the role and responsibility of county government," said Ludgood.

Also this month, the county will be unveiling a parks brochure that will highlight the county's five parks and recreational facilities.

"Our county has so much to offer to our residents," said Hudson. "So many are unaware that Mobile County parks and recreation facilities include over 1,000 acres of beautifully designed properties that offer scenic viewing of Mobile Bay, hiking, frisbee areas, golf, picnic areas, and softball and baseball fields."

"We are very proud of the essential services and programs our county provides each day and especially the people who deliver them," said Hudson.

Since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of counties.

For more information about County Government Month and Mobile County's activities during the month of April 2012, please contact Dena Pollard at (251) 574-3208.

National County Government Events will include:

Thursday, April 12 @ 11:30 a.m.

- **We Gotta Move It, Move It! – Commissioner Mike Dean will lead a P.E. Class of third-grade students at Dawes Intermediate, 10451 West Lake Road.**

Monday, April 16-Friday, May 11

- **Mobile County Food Drive and receive a FREE reusable canvas bag (while supplies last). Items can be dropped off at the Information Booth in Mobile Government Plaza. All donations will be given to the Bay Area Food Bank to help local needy families.**

Friday, April 20

- **United Way Day of Caring – A group of county employees will use their own personal leave time to volunteer at a United Way agency.**

Monday, April 23

- **County Commission Conference & Meeting (Combined) – 10 a.m., Mobile Government Plaza, Auditorium**

Wednesday, April 25 @ 11:20 a.m.

- **We Gotta Move It, Move It! – Commissioner Merceria Ludgood will lead in a P.E. Class with second grade students at A.W. Holloway, located at 625 Stanton Road.**

Friday, April 27 @ 3:30 p.m.

- **We Gotta Move It, Move It! – Commissioner Connie Hudson will lead in a Side-Walk-A-Thon with kids in the Spring Hill neighborhood to raise money for a new sidewalk in the area. The one-mile walk begins at the Spring Hill College Dorn Field (behind PNC Bank) and proceeds down to Lavretta Park. The event was organized by The Village of Spring Hill and is sponsored by Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic PC.**

Tuesday-Thursday

- **County Government Open House – Citizens can visit Mobile Government Plaza and explore the one place that houses county and city governments, and courts in one facility. Call 574-3208 or 574-5095 to schedule a group tour. Tours will be given twice a day, Tuesday through Thursday, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

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